**PATENT** 

Attorney Docket No.: 728-216 (YOR9-2001-0444)

**REMARKS** 

Claims 1-22 are pending in the present application. It is gratefully acknowledged that

Claims 10, 11, 20 and 22 have been allowed.

Please cancel Claims 1, 7, 12 and 17, without prejudice.

Claims 2-5, 8 and 9 have been amended to depend on allowed Claim 10.

Claims 13, 14, 16, 18, 19 and 21 have been amended to depend on allowed Claim 20.

Based on at least the foregoing amendments, all of the pending claims are in condition for

allowance.

Applicants submit that pending Claims 2-6, 8-11, 13-16 and 18-22 are believed to be in

condition for allowance and allowance is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference or personal interview would

facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, the Examiner may contact Applicants' attorney at

the number given below.

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